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In re Application of:)
MASAO KATO, ET AL.)
Appln. No.: 09/995,719 ✓)
Filed: November 29, 2001)
For: METHOD OF FILLING BUFFER)
CHAMBER IN PRINT HEAD WITH)
BUBBLE AND PRINTING)
APPARATUS)
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The listed documents were cited in an Official Action of a corresponding Japanese application. The Examiner might find these documents relevant for the reasons noted therein. A copy of the Official Action and an English translation thereof are included for the Examiner's convenience.

JP '904 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 6,260,962.

JP '800 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 6,109,734, which was cited by the Examiner in the Office Action dated July 31, 2003.

Each item of information in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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